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SUBJ: DHEW/PHS/HRA--INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHING
PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL SCHOOLS

REF: STATE 42440: TUNIS 1320

1. AMBASSADOR HAS DISCUSSED BASIC OUTLINES OF PROGRAM
TO ADAPT US TEACHING METHODS TO A MEDICAL SCHOOL IN
TUNIS AND/OR SOUSSE WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH MZALI, AS
DISCUSSED TUNIS 1320. DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS, EMBASSY
HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT DEAN ESAFI OF TUNIS
FACULTY OF MEDICNE TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS. WHILE MZALI
WAS FAVORABLE TO CONCEPT OUTLINED, HE NATURALLY WANTED
MORE DETAILS BEFORE COMMITTING HIMSELF TO SUCH A PROJECT.

2. EMBASSY VIEWS PROPOSED PROJECT MOST FAVORABLY AND
RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE RELATED TO AMERICAN-TYPE HOSPITAL
WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF STUDY BY PROJECT HOPE (TUNIS REFTTEL). THIS
HOSPITAL IS TO BE LOCATED IN MONASTIR, ONLY A FEW MINUTES FROM
SOUSSE. IF PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED PARA 1 STATE 42440
COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN NEW SOUSSE MEDICAL SCHOOL, IT
COULD ULTIMATELY BE INCORPORATED IN MONASTIR HOSPITAL
WHEN IT IS COMPLETED. THIS WOULD ASSURE THAT FACILITIES
AND RESEARCH AND TEACHING METHODS DEVELOPED UNDER SFC
PROJECT WOULD BE INSTITUTIONALIZED IN FACILITY IN
PRESENCE OF QUALIFIED AMERICAN MEDICAL AND ADMINSTRATIVE
PERSONNEL. THIS WOULD ASSURE CONTINUITY OF RESEARCH AND
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TRAINING PROGRAMS BENEFITTING BOTH TUNISIA AND US FAR

BEYOND TERMINATION DATE SFC PROJECT.

3. WHEN HRA HAS MORE DETAILS FOR PROJECT AVAILABLE
(ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS TIMING AND FINANCING), EMBASSY
WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO COMMUNICATE THEM TO MINISTRY OF
HEALTH AND MEDICAL FACULTIES. HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST THAT
DHEW SHOULD HAVE EXPERT COME TO TUNISIA IN ORDER TO
DEVELOP SOUND, MUTUALLY-BENEFICIAL PROJECT AND TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF POSITIVE GOT ATTITUDE.
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